

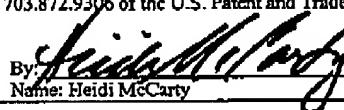
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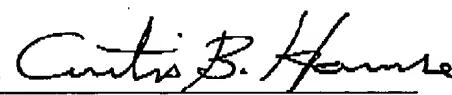
Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the benefits of Continued Examination in order to enter the Amendment previously filed 13 February 2004, but unentered.

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